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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Samuel Apicelli on 08/14/2009

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Replace claim 8 with the following:

8. The music game program stored in the computer readable medium according to claim 7, wherein said music playback procedure has a playback pitch changing procedure for playing back said partial song data with melody, changing a pitch to be played back with time during a predetermined time after start of playback according to said accumulated evaluation value at the time when playing back said partial song data with melody which corresponds to said command image which is judged to be passed by said pass judgment procedure when playing back.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Pinheiro whose telephone number is (571)270-1350. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 AM - 4 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dmitry Suhol can be reached on (571) 272-4430. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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